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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (currently amended) A vehicle with a—central locking system for at least vehicle doors, with which system comprising: an electrical switch for changing the central locking system over to a locking or an unlocking state is associated and an opening lever, which is pivotably disposed at an inside at least of one vehicle door, for opening thereof, wherein the switch is associated with the opening lever inside the vehicle door such that, when the opening lever is pivoted out of an inoperative position into a first switched position, it effects a locking or an unlocking state of the central locking system, and the locking or unlocking state is maintained until the opening lever is again pivoted into its first switched position.
- 2. (currently amended) The vehicle central locking system according to Claim 1, wherein, when pivoted out of the inoperative position into a mechanical opening position for the vehicle door, the opening lever passes through a second switched position in which the switch generates a signal for changing the central locking system over to the unlocking state.
- (currently amended) The vehicle central locking system according to Claim 1, wherein the switch is integrated into a mechanism of the opening lever.
- (currently amended) The vehicle central locking system according to Claim 2, wherein the switch is integrated into a mechanism of the opening lever.

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- (currently amended) The vehicle central locking system according to Claim 1, wherein the switch is associated in a rotationally rigid manner with a pivot pin of the opening lever.
- (currently amended) The vehicle central locking system according to
 Claim 2, wherein the switch is associated in a rotationally rigid manner with a pivot pin of the opening lever.
 - 7. (cancelled)
 - 8. (cancelled)
- (currently amended) The vehicle central locking system according to
 Claim 1, wherein the opening lever automatically returns from its <u>first</u> switched position and the opening position to its inoperative position.
- 10. (currently amended) The vehicle central locking system according to Claim 2, wherein the opening lever automatically returns from its <u>first</u> switched position and the opening position and its second switched position to its inoperative position.
 - 11. (cancelled)
 - 12. (cancelled)
- 13. (currently amended) The vehicle central locking system according to Claim 5, wherein the opening lever automatically returns from its <u>first</u> switched position and the opening position to its inoperative position.

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- 14. (currently amended) The vehicle central locking system according to Claim 6, wherein the opening lever automatically returns from its <u>first</u> switched position and the opening position to its inoperative position.
 - 15. (cancelled)
 - 16. (cancelled)
- 17. (currently amended I) The vehicle central locking system according to Claim 9, wherein the opening lever returns in spring-loaded fashion to the inoperative position.
- 18. (currently amended) The vehicle central locking system according to Claim 10, wherein the opening lever returns in spring-loaded fashion to the inoperative position.
 - 19. (cancelled)
 - 20. (cancelled)
- 21. (new) A central locking system for vehicle doors, comprising: an electrical switch for changing the central locking system over to a locking or an unlocking state, and an opening lever, which is pivotably disposed at an inside at least of one vehicle door, for opening thereof, wherein the switch is associated with the opening lever inside the vehicle door such that, when the opening lever is pivoted out of an inoperative position into a first switched position, it effects a locking or an unlocking state of the central locking system, and the locking or unlocking state is maintained until the opening lever is again pivoted into its first switched position, and wherein the switch is associated in a rotationally rigid manner with a pivot pin that mounts the opening lever

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on the at least one door so that the switch is operated directly by the pivot pin that rotates with the operating lever.

- 22. (new) The central locking system according to Claim 21, wherein, when pivoted out of the inoperative position into a mechanical opening position for the vehicle door, the opening lever passes through a second switched position in which the switch generates a signal for changing the central locking system over to the unlocking state.
- (new) The central locking system according to Claim 22, wherein the opening lever returns in spring-loaded fashion to the inoperative position.
- 24. (new) The central locking system according to Claim 21, wherein the opening lever returns in spring-loaded fashion to the inoperative position.
- 25. (new) A central locking system for vehicle doors, comprising: an electrical switch for changing the central locking system over to a locking or an unlocking state, an opening lever which is pivotably disposed at an inside at least of one vehicle door for opening thereof, wherein the switch is associated with the opening lever inside the vehicle door such that, when the opening lever is pivoted by pushing outwardly from an inoperative position into a first switched position it effects a locking or an unlocking state of the central locking system, and when the operating lever is pivoted inwardly out of the inoperative position into a mechanical opening position for the vehicle door, the opening lever passes through a second switched position in which the switch generates a signal for changing the central locking system over to the unlocking state, and the locking or unlocking state is maintained until the opening lever is again pivoted into its first switched position.
- (new) The central locking system according to Claim 25, wherein the switch is associated in a rotationally rigid manner with a pivot pin of the opening lever.

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- 27. (new) The central locking system according to Claim 26, wherein the opening lever automatically returns from its switched position and the opening position to its inoperative position.
- 28. (new) The central locking system according to Claim 25 wherein the operating handle is pivotally mounted on the door by a pivot pin, the switch is associated in a rotational rigid manner with the pivot pin, and wherein the opening lever automatically returns in a spring-biased manner from its switched positions and the opening position to its inoperative position.